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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Handfield, et al.

Serial No.: 09/995,493

Filed: November 28, 2001

For: Identification of *Actinobacillus*
actinomycetemcomitans Antigens for use in the
Diagnosis, Treatment and Monitoring of
Periodontal Diseases

Conf. No. 1452

Group Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: Baskar, P.

Docket No. 01-662

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

In regard to the above-identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached
 - a. Response to Office Action Mailed May 19, 2004
 - b. Check in the amount of \$129.00
 - c. Return Receipt Postcard
2. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 19, 2004 in the above-mentioned case. A fee of one hundred twenty nine dollars (\$129) for an additional 3 independent claims is enclosed. It is believed that no other fee is due to make this filing complete; however, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Amendments to the claims appear on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.